GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Water Resources Department - Complaint No.1022/2012/B2 filed by Sri B.K.V. Ranga Rao, Asst. Engineer[Retd.] before the Hon'ble Lokayuktha levelling certain allegations - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri V. Venugopal Rao, Executive Engineer [Retired] formerly worked at Godavari Head Works Division, Dowlaiswaram, East Godavari District – Finalization of disciplinary case - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES [VIG.I] DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 44 Dated: 11-01-2016

Read the following:-

1. From the Engineer-in-Chief[AW], letter No.RC/ENC/ S1(2)/2796/2011, dt.12.04.2013.
2. From the Institution of A.P. Lokayukta, Hyderabad Letter Dis.No.1022/2012/B2/3556/2013,dt.28.6.2013.
3. Govt.Memo.No.9364/Ser.X.2/2013-3,dt.28.12.2013.
4. From the Engineer-in-Chief[AW], letter No.RC/ENC/ S1 (2)/2796/2011, dt.15.02.2014.
5. G.O.Ms.No.52, I&CAD [Vig.I] Dept., dt.24.09.2014.
6. G.O.Rt.No.594, I&CAD [Vig.I] Dept., dt.24.09.2014.
7. From the Engineer-in-Chief[AW], letter No.RC/ENC/ K3(2)/2796/2011, dt.05.09.2015.
8. Orders dt.17.07.2015 of Hon'ble Lokayukta, communicated through Letter of the Registrar, the Institution of A.P. Lokayukta, Hyderabad letter Dis.No.1022/2012/B2/3266/2015 dt.23.09.2015.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief[AW], I&CAD, Hyderabad has stated that the Hon'ble Lokayukta in their orders dated 19.12.2012 in Complaint No.1022/2012/B2 filed by Sri B.K.V.Ranga Rao, Assistant Engineer (Retired) (wherein orders were sought to initiate action against (1) Sri V.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer, (2) Sri T.Krishna Mohan, Divisional Manager and (3) Sri N.V.Subrahmanyam, Establishment Clerk as they are responsible for the delay in forwarding his pension papers) have directed the Engineer-in-Chief (AW) to report regarding what action has been taken against the public servant for not sending the pension proposals of Sri B.K.V.Ranga Rao, Assistant Engineer (Retired) to the higher authorities.

2. The issue has been examined in consultation with the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD, Department and he was informed that it is not appropriate to keep the pension proposals pending for want of handing over charge as per rules in force and if something is due from the Government Servant Sri B.K.V.Ranga Rao, Assistant Engineer (Retired) as on the date of his superannuation, the No Due Certificate could have been withheld but not the pension papers and if it is felt that the officers responsible are to be punished, he may identify the persons responsible and take necessary action on the officers responsible duly settling the issue of pension of the complainant, in the reference 3rd read above.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD Department, Hyderabad has furnished draft articles of charges and other related material against Sri V.Venugopala Rao, worked as I/c Executive Engineer of G.H.W. Division, Dowlaiswaram, with a request to examine the case in detail and to take further necessary action on this issue.

4. In the reference 5th read above, sanction under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 was accorded for initiating departmental action against Sri V.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer (Retired).

5. Consequently, in the reference 6th read above, articles of charges have been issued to Sri V.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer (Retired).

6. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad in the letter 7th read above, has forwarded the written statement of defence of Sri V.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer (Retired) wherein the Charged Officer has inter-alia submitted that Sri B.K.V.Ranga Rao, Assistant Engineer should have handed over the charge to his next successor, as the cost of materials and the crew of Boat Section consisting floating vessels, punts, machinery, engines, log books, licence issuing registers are precious, great and essential to the Government and finally he has requested to withdraw the articles of charges and further proceedings in this case.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Hon'ble Lokayukta in their orders dated 17.07.2015 have observed that that there is no role played by the public servant nos.2 (Sri Krishna Mohan, DAO) and 3 (Sri Subrahmanyam, Senior Assistant), therefore no malafidies can be attributed on the part of the public servant nos.2 and 3 and that the Government has initiated action against the public servant no.1 (Sri V.Venugopala Rao, EE (Retd) only under Rule 3 of APCS Rules, 1964 vide G.O.Rt.No.594, I&CAD (Vig.I/A2) Dept., dt.24.09.2014 and further action will be taken by the Government and therefore, no further investigation or enquiry is required by this Institution in the matter and directed the competent authority i.e. Prl. Secretary to Govt., I&CAD, AP., Hyd., to submit action taken report after finalization of the disciplinary proceedings against the public servant no.1 i.e. Sri V. Venugopala Rao Executive Engineer, Godavari Head Works Division, Dowlaiswaram (Retd.)with the above direction, the complaint was closed.

8. After careful examination of the entire issue, Government have decided and accordingly hereby drop further action against Sri V.Venugopala Rao, Executive Engineer (Retired).

9. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad shall ensure strict adherence of the rules in handing over and taking over of charge by all and shall take immediate necessary action to ensure no such occurrences / recurrences in future under any circumstances and avoid embarrassment to the Government before any forum hereafter.

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10. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADSESH]

ADITYA NATH DAS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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Executive Engineer [Retd.**]** **through** Engineer-in-Chief [AW]
Water Resources Dept., Hyderabad.
The Engineer-in-Chief, [AW],
Water Resources Dept., Hyderabad.
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER